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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2           WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of  
3 Representatives are pleased to congratulate Donald E. "Don"  
4 Perry, Kennedy Junior High School Principal in Naperville, on  
5 his retirement and successful career as an educator and civil  
6 service leader; and

7           WHEREAS, Don Perry started his education career after  
8 graduating from Olivet Nazarene University in 1976; he began  
9 teaching at Alan Shepard School and Shabbona Elementary in  
10 Bourbonnais, and taught there for 3 years before moving to  
11 Crete, where he taught at Crete Elementary School for 5 years;  
12 and

13           WHEREAS, Don Perry took a brief break from teaching to  
14 receive more education at Illinois State University, where he  
15 graduated with a Master's in Education Administration; and

16           WHEREAS, Don Perry became the Assistant Principal at Palos  
17 West Elementary School in Palos West, and then moved on to  
18 become Principal at Beebe Elementary School in Naperville,  
19 later becoming Principal of Kennedy Junior High School, also in  
20 Naperville, where has served for the past 12 years; and

21           WHEREAS, Throughout his educational career Don Perry has

1 helped his schools achieve national and State recognition in  
2 excellence, including being recognized in 2002 and 2008 as a  
3 Blue Ribbon School by the United States Department of  
4 Education, declaring that the school was both academically  
5 superior and there were dramatic gains in student achievement  
6 to high levels; and

7 WHEREAS, During Don Perry's tenure, Kennedy Junior High  
8 School received recognition from the Association of Illinois  
9 Middle Schools and the Illinois State Board of Education, the  
10 Illinois Horizon School Award in 2002 and 2008, and "Those Who  
11 Excel" Award for School Excellence in 2001; and

12 WHEREAS, Don Perry was named to Who's Who in American  
13 Colleges and Universities and was an nominee for the "Those Who  
14 Excel" award presented by the Illinois State Board of  
15 Education; and

16 WHEREAS, Don Perry has not only committed his life to  
17 education but has also committed himself to civil service, as a  
18 graduate of the Citizens Police Academy; he served as Chairman  
19 to the Board of Police and Fire Commissioners in Naperville; he  
20 has also been involved with numerous boards and committees and  
21 has been adamant in his fund-raising for numerous Naperville  
22 organizations, such as the United Way, the Naperville Historic  
23 Society, the American Cancer Society, Veterans Poppy Day, the

1 American Heart Association, Citizens Appreciate Police/CAP  
2 Awards, and Naperville's Millennium Carillon Drive; and

3 WHEREAS, Don Perry has committed himself to excellence in  
4 education and civil duty, has inspired and served as a role  
5 model for both children and adults throughout his life;  
6 therefore, be it

7 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
8 NINETY-SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we  
9 congratulate Kennedy Junior High School Principal Donald E.  
10 "Don" Perry on his retirement and successful career in  
11 education and civil service; and be it further

12 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
13 presented to Donald E. "Don" Perry as a symbol of our respect  
14 and esteem.